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FOR: CU/EA.

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SUBJ: FY'74 IV PROGRAM. GRANTEES VINER, CROSS, SINCLAIR.

1. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSENESS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION RETURNS, NONE OF THESE THREE GRANT NOMINEES ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE FIRM TRAVEL PLANS AND THIS SITUATION LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR A FEW WEEKS. WHEN PARLIAMENT RESUMES IN A JOINT HOUSE/SENATE SITTING TO CONSIDER MAJOR LEGISLATION, EXPECTED IN JULY, IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE, OR ANY, MEMBERS PARLIAMENT TO BE ABSENT.

2. THEREFORE POSSIBILITY EXISTS UNDER PRESENT "TRAVEL IN FISCAL YEAR" POLICY THAT THESE THREE GRANTS MIGHT BE LOST.

3. REQUEST YOU AUTHORIZE EXCEPTION TO PRESENT PROCEDURES TO PERMIT VINER, CROSS AND SINCLAIR TO COMMENCE GRANT TRAVEL ANYTIME UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1974.

4. IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE, PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL CONSIDER GIVING THESE FY'74 GRANTS UP TO ANOTHER COUNTRY IN REGION WHICH HAS NOMINEES AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL PRIOR JULY 1. HOWEVER, REQUEST YOU DO NOT TAKE THIS DECISION UNILATERALLY BEFORE GIVING POST ONE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO GET "YES" OR "NO" ANSWER FROM THESE GRANTEES, WHICH ANSWER THEY CANNOT POSSIBLY GIVE AT THIS TIME.

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